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Preparing for the parade

Santa Claus is coming back to town this Saturday, Nov. 20 and elves with the Minden Hills events committee, led by Elisha Weiss, community development co-ordinator, as well as from local businesses and organizations are putting their last-minute magical touches on floats this week for the return of the parade. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

County begins 2022 budget talks

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Budget discussions have begun at the county level.

Budget overviews were presented by chief administrative officer Mike Rutter, director of corporate services Andrea Bull, and county department heads during the Nov. 10 online committee of the whole meeting, the first in which the county's 2022 draft budget was discussed.

The draft budget contains a 3.53 per cent tax rate increase at the upper-tier level, a \$956,952 increase over last year's levy. Reserves are expected to be \$5,565,191 at the end of next year.

Bull noted staff's goals and objectives were to keep tax increases as low as possible;

continue to provide efficient service delivery; enhance financial sustainability by focusing on long-term financial planning; put an emphasis on zero-based budgeting and incorporate directions from council with respect to service delivery.

Rutter said positions added by the service delivery review and budget to fund up to three positions related to the shoreline preservation bylaw make an impact. He said the county has utilized debt to catch up with paving and surface treatment in the past few years, and now has a plan to address the infrastructure deficit in the county's bridges including \$5.1 million in debt and almost \$400,000 in debt repayment this year.

In addition, the budget includes just under \$300,000 for new affordable housing units.

"Approximately two-thirds of that is for see CHALLENGES page 3

MH council asks for accelerated climate action

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

At a Nov. 11 meeting of Minden Hills council, Korey McKay presented to Minden Hills council an update on the development of the community climate action plan.

McKay, Haliburton County's climate change co-ordinator, has been presenting details of a report, titled Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Local Climate Projections, to councils within the county which calls on the community to develop a

plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions toward building climate resilience.

As previously reported, the report notes that in 2019, the community within Haliburton County emitted 299,522 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. (For context, 1 tonne of carbon dioxide is equal to 4,000 kilometres driven by a passenger vehicle.) County residents spent more than \$161 million on energy, equating to \$4,085 per person annually. The main sources of emissions in the community were found to be on road

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Minden legion's president Jim Ross, and cadet liaison officer and honours and awards chair James Donaldson led the Service of Remembrance on Nov. 11 at the county cairn in the village green, in Minden. The Last Post and Revival were played by Lorie Reddering. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



The Royal Canadian Legion, Mabel Brannigan Branch 636 colour party was in place for the Nov. 11 service.



Fraser MacDonald played bagpipes during the Remembrance Day service held in Minden, while veteran Ralf Hennig and his wife, Katherine, observed the ceremony.



Though it was not considered an official public service, a crowd gathered along Bobcaygeon Road to observe the ceremony on the morning of Remembrance Day

Minden remembers at Nov. 11 ceremony

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

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Though not advertised to the public, a crowd quietly gathered on Bobcaygeon Road across from the county cairn for a service of remembrance held by the Minden legion on Nov. 11.

"It was smaller but it was wonderful to see people still came," said Ralf Hennig, who attended the service with his wife, Katharine. "There was no advertising for it, there was no set-up for it like there normally is, but people still came. They still took the time to go down, on their own accord, to go and take a few minutes to remember. That was the greatest thing."

The Hennigs moved to the area in 2016. Ralf served for 31 years as an engineer officer with the Canadian Forces. His service included six months in Pakistan, six months in Kuwait

at the tail end of Desert Storm, and a year in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom for which he was awarded the American Bronze Star Medal. Together the pair have moved with their kids 20 times, and their son has also now served for more than a decade. Ralf has been attending Remembrance Day services since he was a cadet.

"For me, it's just to remember family and friends who have gone before, and a time for reflection," he said. "It's a time for thanks, too, for me, because after 31 years I'm still here."

Although a larger gathering after the service did not take place at the Minden legion due to the ongoing pandemic, the Hennigs said they appreciated the intimacy of the smaller meeting that happened.

"These people all have things in common," said Katharine. "They have stories to tell, they have children that are in the military, they have grandkids that are in the military, and it just gave them quiet time to reflect and share."



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'Draft budget tries to respond to a changing community': CAO

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the second half of our commitment to the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation project off Highway 35 in Minden," Rutter told the *Times*. "The balance will fund projects under the Affordable Housing Targets Program. We also have \$252,000 plus or minus to fully fund the asset management program to maintain existing affordable housing units."

County warden and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said she was pleased to "see the starting point that staff has offered us, and to offer my appreciation on behalf of council for the hard work that's been done by all of our staff to give us a budget that is a lot more reasonable as a starting point than I thought we might be looking at."

Rutter spoke to the challenges the county is facing this year, the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, he said it is a time of transition for county staff with new faces around the table, as well as new accounting software.

"In some ways, this draft budget tries to respond to a changing community," he said. "We've heard council talk a lot about how things have changed, and they really have. This budget is recommending more investments in housing – we continue to see the need for housing of all types but affordable housing in particular, the demand is going up dramatically. We have more investments as a result of climate change, more investments responding to growth, such as additional staffing of EMS and council is also looking to the future with a master plan in that department. And then of course, economic development as well."

Rutter said the draft budget tries to "progress toward sustainability in key service areas," with money being spent "all with the goal to save money in the longterm, but in order to do that we have to make investments in the short-term."

"We've done all of this during a global pandemic, knowing that our community is really struggling, people in the community are really struggling," said Rutter. "So we really have

made an effort to mitigate increases where we possibly can, and phase them in over time, sometimes – sometimes it's been deferring things."

He said there have been both recruitment and retention challenges, and that it has been difficult to meet service demands, noting for example that a whole new cohort of EMS recruits couldn't write the provincial exam in a timely way.

"There are many challenges behind the numbers, and I want to recognize that we do acknowledge that the community is struggling in many ways," he said.

The 2021 budget containing a tax increase of 3.84 per cent was passed in February this year.

This year's budget process and timeline includes updates at the December and January committee of the whole meetings, with a proposed adoption of the budget at council in January or February. The full Nov. 10 meeting is available on YouTube under the County of Haliburton page.

Education, buy-in and support needed for plan

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transportation; residential buildings; industrial, commercial and institutional buildings and off-road transportation.

Without developing a plan and setting targets to lower greenhouse gas emissions, climate change is projected to impact the area in the coming years with higher average temperatures, more extreme heat waves and more extreme weather events as well as an increased variability of water levels.

The first step, said McKay, is to develop an advisory group with key stakeholders that can then make recommendations on how the county can reduce emissions.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she appreciated McKay's position and initiative on the issue, but wanted to voice concerns on "the slowness of our uptake in this area."

She said that it felt as though they were reinventing the wheel as opposed to building on initiatives that had already been started. The Minden Hills climate action committee hasn't been able to meet during the pandemic, Sayne said.

"It's very important that work continues," she said. "I don't want to see this initiative at the county take away any of the work that's been started locally. We need to keep going with that."

One of the policies on lighting that came forward from the climate action committee, said Sayne, needs to be on the agenda and "out there sooner rather than later." She said it has been postponed for years and is very frustrating for the

community.

While it's "fine to get the committees going" and have public consultation, Sayne said she would like to see council "move on some of the things we know we have to do."

"Committees don't fix the problem," she said. "Action fixes the problem."

Sayne said she didn't want what was happening at the county to take away from the responsibility of local municipalities working on the issues.

Councillor Jean Neville asked about landfills, noting she was a "firm believer" in some sort of composter at the landfill to keep bears out.

"Well, the bears are there because of the food that's in the landfill. If we got rid of the food that's in the landfill, we'd get rid of the varmints that are there, so there wouldn't be a bear problem, there wouldn't be a seagull problem. But we need that mitigated so it's really important to be working with our environmental management that govern the landfills to get them on board and thinking smartly and not just putting a bandaid on a problem instead of solving the problem."

Trish McKibbin, CAO and clerk, said composters are being looked at across the county as part of a service delivery review.

Councillor Bob Carter agreed with Sayne that action was critical.

"The idea of the timing here, we have to take action sooner than this," he said. He noted that in McKay's analysis, final

plans to council would be presented in the spring of 2023, but that would then mean councils would have to wait until the budget of 2024 to, for example, replace municipal vehicles with an electric fleet and then source those vehicles.

"I would like to see this get much higher priority and have these timelines tightened up to much lower levels," he said. "This should all be done within a year. We know what's going on, we just have to sit down and decide we want to do it."

Mayor Brent Devolin said there was "definitely an appetite" from Minden Hills council to accelerate the timeline.

"We are taking action now, I have been working with staff to examine fleet replacements that are hybrid and electric, and that aligns with our corporate strategy to reduce emissions," said McKay. She noted that most municipalities say plan management takes up to two years.

"This is largely to build support and buy-in," said McKay. "It's about education, buy-in and support, and that doesn't mean we will hold off action until the plan is in place."

Two dual port charging stations for electric vehicles are to be installed at the Minden Hills township building over the next few weeks.

The 22-page Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Local Climate Projections report is available online via the township's civicweb portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net.



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November 25 – Regular Council Meeting

December 9 – Regular Council Meeting

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TLDSB plans school improvement, equity

by **NICK BERNARD**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the committee of the whole meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board held virtually on Nov.9.

Schools across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board are currently in the middle of completing school improvement and equity plans, the goals for which are to improve literacy, numeracy, and equity. This is a district-wide initiative.

"I am happy to report that schools in the Trillium Lakelands have just completed or are in the process of completing the school improvement and equity plans," said superintendent Jay MacJanet as he began his update on the plans, which he shortened to SIEP. "These plans... will map out a narrow direction for each school and staff while aligning with personal and board improvement goals under literacy, numeracy and equity. Schools are using trailing data from provincial assessments and school-based assessments gathered by teachers this school year."

Using this data, MacJanet said, they will create actionable and measurable plans that will look to "improve student achievement in the areas of literacy and numeracy."

Superintendent Jennifer Johnston said the first round of assessments for the equity action plans, which came in the form of a census sent out to district staff, received an excellent response.

"We sent out our staff demographic census to get a better

understanding of who we are, and the many unique voices and diversities and perspectives that make us who we are," Johnston said. The data, she said, was still being collated, but planning is now underway for the student census.

"We are working again with Turner Consulting Group to develop the census, and the questions are largely derived from recent Ministry of Education memoranda."

A census will be sent directly to parents for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. Students in Grades 9 to 12 will have the opportunity to complete the census in class. The census is expected to take place sometime in January.

Johnston also announced the beginning of its menstrual equity project, with the support of the Ministry of Education. Its implementation ensures that menstrual products are freely available and accessible.

"We know that menstrual products are expensive, and our goal is to make sure that all people who need those products have them readily available to attend school and participate in extracurricular activities," Johnston said. In addition, she acknowledged the trustee's early support for this initiative by accommodating it as part of the budget: "This project is truly a collaboration of many."

Head lice policy changing

Johnston also said TLDSB doesn't recognize pediculosis – the presence of head lice or nits – to be a disease or health issue, and that there is no rationale for people to be sent home due to lice or nits. The board is moving to rescind the policy, and will instead send out a memo that explains the process schools must follow when pediculosis is recorded or identified.

"As always, schools will continue to work in partnerships with families and guardians, parents to support the detection and treatment of pediculosis through effective relationships, communication, and provision of informational materials as needed."

Johnston said regular school attendance is important for student achievement, and that students need to avoid unnecessary absenteeism, as the risk to their achievement outweighs the nuisance of having head lice or nits.

Professional development making a difference

In his update, TLDSB Director of Education Wes Hahn spoke about the shifts in instructional leadership, how teaching and being a teacher has changed, and how to navigate these changes as schools begin to see a slow shift towards "normal."

"This is new work for many," Hahn said. "And I think it goes without saying, any time you start new things, it's a challenge."

Reflecting on his experience visiting the various schools across the board, Hahn noted that despite the ongoing pandemic, job-embedded professional development for teachers and other staff made the greatest difference.

"It's about listening and making sure we're moving with the needs of the system," Hahn explained. "We're not perfect

at that... but it's leading with the heart and soul."

He spoke about moving away from what he called the "heroic" style of leadership -- something that focuses on operation -- to a more "human" approach.

"It's about listening and making sure we're moving with the needs of the system," Hahn explained. Workload, Hahn highlighted, was a particular issue for teachers.

The board has also heard quite clearly that staff prefer having access to the schools when they need it.

"There are many of our staff who like to go in after hours to do their work," Hahn explained. "They may not have wi-fi, or have a proper place to work, and so this becomes their sanctuary."

"We've done a great job virtually," Hahn said, "But we want to continue to meet staff on-site so they can support them in their environment."

As part of this, Hahn believes superintendents and supervisory officers working alongside principals and staff is important to learn how everyone works with each other, and how it benefits the system.

On the subject of the school improvement and equity plans, Hahn discussed the process of superintendents and supervisory officers partnering with specific focus schools, including Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Sharing an anecdote from Superintendent Kim Williams about her experience at HHSS, Hahn described the collaboration between Williams and school administrators as "a deep level of work."

"It's important work, it's job-embedded work, and it's the senior team working together and learning together with the staff along with the director, and I think that's the human side of leadership that we want to keep gravitating towards," Hahn concluded.

Quadmester questions

Following Hahn's update, there was a question about some students expressing a preference for the existing quadmester system as COVID improves. It was something the board wasn't sure of yet, said Hahn.

"The Ministry of Education and the Chief Medical Officer of Health will make that determination, whether schools can go back to a regular semestered system," he explained.

Once they get that information, Hahn said, he and the rest of the board will meet to discuss how to move forward. He also recalled that when the octomester system was first in place, people found the positives in that situation, and the same thing was happening now with the quadmester. Hahn also acknowledged that there were many who were eager to return to the semester system.

When the time came, Hahn assured, he and the rest of the superintendents would look into it.

Board meeting access

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Arrival of snow

A bit of snow blanketed the ground on Monday morning by the Gull River in Minden./
SUE TIFFIN Staff

Library looks to lockers for service solution

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

Library patrons in Algonquin Highlands are closer to having access to books once again.

Residents who use libraries in that municipality have been without library services since March, due to temporary closures of the Dorset book depot and Stanhope library.

At a Nov. 10 library board meeting, Chris Stephenson, CEO of Haliburton County Public Library, gave an update on his investigation into solutions to bring access to books to the area.

Stephenson suggested numerous options that might be put into place until the Dorset Rec Centre mould situation is rectified, and the final work done at the Stanhope branch so it can re-open to the public.

He noted that the Frost Centre trails office is a space that could be used though it's about 13 kilometres out of town, and so not easily accessible.

"What we're trying to avoid is people having to take taxis, hitchhiking, walking down the road or biking in winter," he said. "Libraries in their very nature want to be accessible, and so that's my only concern about the location."

Additionally, it isn't clear if staff would be available in the office for interaction.

Though Stephenson noted a short-term solution is what is needed, he wants that short-term solution to last as long as necessary.

One proposal was for lockers, which would offer 24-7 access to books. They come in different sizes, with typically 12 or 16 slots, and Stephenson estimated two banks of lockers would be necessary to accommodate Dorset library users. Similar to a post office box, patrons would check their box after delivery by courier on their own time, with no need to meet a courier at a specific time. They can be set up outdoors, and opened using a code, for example, the last six numbers

of a library card. The lockers promote less interaction and touching compared to in-person library visits, so Stephenson wondered if Safe Restart funding might be accessed, although he noted they cost approximately \$1,000, which was considered an affordable option.

Knox Presbyterian Church beside the Dorset post office has been looking for ways in which they can support the community so that option was brought to the table as another alternative.

Stephenson also suggested shipping containers. Previously, he has sat on an international literacy board which would send shipping containers full of books to Africa, where a welder would cut a window and door into the container to create a library. That cost is about \$2,200 and Stephenson said the container could be stationed at the Dorset Rec Centre still to allow for parking options and wi-fi access.

While shipping containers aren't permitted in Algonquin Highlands, as noted by Carol Moffatt, who is mayor of that municipality and sits on the library board, the other options available were discussed with the locker solution attracting the most interest. The lockers would require shelter from inclement weather so the best location for their set-up was considered.

"A couple of things sound like a make-work project, and if we can have a community collaboration, where folks want to help folks, to me that would be the ideal solution," said Moffatt. "I think that's certainly what I would like to see. Dorset is a really tight-knit community and has tremendous outreach, and I'd like to think we can have folks helping folks as opposed to spending a lot of money."

Cec Ryall, Highlands East deputy mayor, said several years ago a private business in Gooderham had stepped up to offer the location for a bottle drive depot.

"They're very comfortable with it being there," he said. "They think it's basically a draw to their store. They don't think of it as a challenge, they think of it as an opportunity. One to help the community, obviously, and two, it doesn't

hurt their sales either."

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said the cost for the lockers could come out of reserves, noting "we don't want to go another whole winter with no service in that area."

Moffatt said she was expecting the cost to be higher.

"Not to say that we all have money just sitting around but it's not \$40,000," she said. "That's a negligible amount of money compared to our budgets overall for a very important purpose."

Stephenson thanked patrons for their emails and calls, and staff for suggestions in finding a viable option for a book depot and said he would pursue a location for the lockers.

Police investigating AH break and enter

Police are asking local residents to be vigilant, lock all doors and windows and report anything suspicious on security cameras to police after a break and enter in Algonquin Highlands township.

On Nov. 12, at approximately 12:21 a.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a report of a man that had entered through a window of a residence on Harvest Moon Lane. The man left prior to police arrival and the single occupant of the residence was unharmed.

The OPP Emergency Response Team and Canine Unit attended, but were unable to locate the suspect. He is described as being approximately six feet tall with a medium build, wearing dark clothing. The investigation is ongoing.

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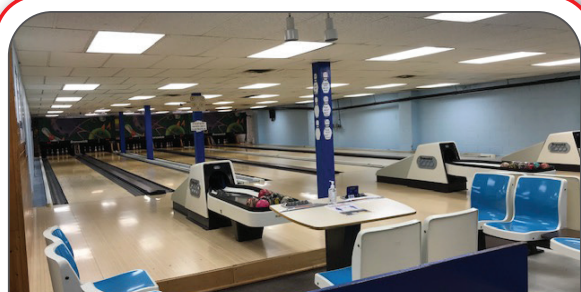
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Spirit of giving

I SUPPOSE SOMEONE, somewhere – perhaps it was you – put their Christmas decorations up, signalling that it was time for the snow to fall and stick.

And so, here we are, a few weeks away from the holiday season wondering where the year went, especially if we're still feeling a bit foggy about what year it is, at this point. There will be hustle and bustle, much merriment that events are cautiously filling our calendars again, kids jingle belling ... and people who desperately need help.

While the most important thing we can do to help is vote in the best interests of the most vulnerable people, and then hold those elected accountable to make real change happen in our communities, there are other things we can do on a grassroots level to help support our neighbours in their day-to-day lives and at this time of year. It is what people in small towns do best, besides wave at strangers and nod our heads at people while driving.

As Christmas events ramp up throughout the county, so do the opportunities to give to those in need through fundraisers like online auctions, the food bank's Christmas hamper program, initiatives popping up on social media from local businesses, and next weekend's Shindig which you can watch in person or at home.

But there are other ways to help, too. If you can spare some time, think of someone you might be able to reach out to at this time of year. Besides making loneliness feel a little bit more lonely, the darker days of this season can wreak havoc on mental health and well-being. Phone, send a little pick-me-up, let someone know you were thinking of them. Listen to them, in case you're the only one who does.

Make food, buy food, order food and drop it off to someone when they're not expecting it – everything about food can be overwhelming for people who are feeling overwhelmed, from grocery shopping safely during a pandemic, to being able to afford healthy options, to preparing it and making a meal for one, or the same meal again for what might feel like a lot, at dinnertime.

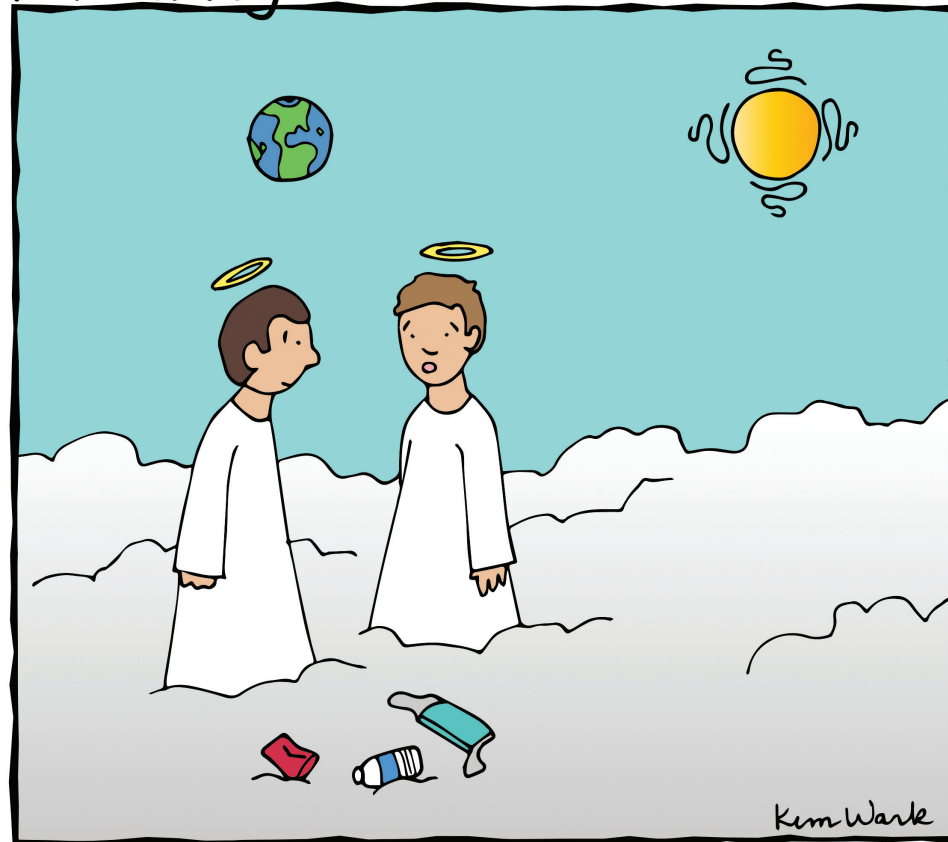
Shovel someone's driveway or pay someone to shovel someone's driveway if you're not up to it. Send greeting cards again, if it's something you used to love to do that's lapsed. Drop a book off to a friend you haven't seen for a long time. Be kind to others, and while you're at it, be kind to yourself, too.

You might not have known that by putting your decorations up, you possibly brought on the snow. But it is certain that one person doing one small thing for someone else can make a very big difference.



SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Kwarky



“How on earth did those get here?”

Squirrel calling explained

SOME FOLKS think you should judge a person by their deeds rather than by their words. That probably works just fine, but I happen to think you would get a better read on a person if you simply judged them by the number of squirrel calls they own. If they own at least one, they are very likely the kind of person who thinks it's highly important to know how to communicate with squirrels. Any less and they are probably normal.

If you need proof, let me just say I own three factory-made squirrel calls as well as a couple of homemade versions that also do the job.

A lot of you are probably wondering why anyone would own a squirrel call. Well, the primary reason is for squirrel hunting. You see, a quality-made squirrel call allows you to create an open and honest line of communication with an eastern grey squirrel. And like all open and honest lines of communication, this sometimes leads to gunfire.

To be clear, the call does not lure them in so much as it causes the squirrel in question to look up from whatever important thing it is doing to say, “That’s the worst imitation of a squirrel I have ever heard.”

By the second time you call, the squirrel you are calling is probably a little annoyed. More than likely it is thinking, “I can’t believe he really thinks that’s what a squirrel sounds like? That’s #@%\$! insulting!”

When you call for the third time, they tend to drop everything and rush in with the intention of telling you to shut up because those noises are just plain irritating.

Furthermore, they will threaten to put that squirrel call in a highly inappropriate place if you don’t.

The interesting thing is that this is the same reaction you get from people who don’t hunt squirrels.

Despite all this, a squirrel call does come in handy when you are trying to locate squirrels, but only if you know how to use one correctly. And, frankly, that’s a lost art.

If you doubt this, just ask the question: “Are you any good with a squirrel call?”

Preferably, not at the conclusion of a job interview when the person interviewing you says “Are there any questions you’d like to ask me?” No, you should probably pose the question in more informal environments, such as at a dinner party when there is a lull in the conversation and everyone thinks they have said all there is to say. Also, it helps to weed out people on first dates.

Not to brag, but I happen to be one of those people whose major talent is being good with a squirrel call, which is why I never got many second dates, I suppose. I am a bit of a virtuoso in this respect. When I call squirrels they have no choice but to rush in and see who is making the racket. I don’t always use traditional calls either. One of my favourite subtle ways of luring them in is by tapping two acorns together repeatedly.

I’m guessing this is the equivalent of ringing the dinner bell for old bushytail. Or perhaps they think that some other squirrel has just found their stash. Frankly, I’m not really sure why it works.

Jenn has a theory, however. She says they must think I’m nuts.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

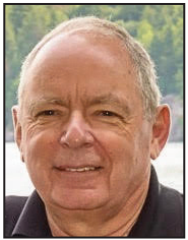
Columns and Letters to the Editor

End the eye care dispute now!

WE LIVE in a world of negotiations. When you need a new auto, house or a better TV service you negotiate an agreement. The purpose of negotiations is to reach an agreement that benefits both parties. In the case of an auto, the buyer wants the best product at the best price. The dealer seeks a sale that will sustain his or her business.

Then there are negotiations in which two parties negotiate for agreements that can help or hurt third parties who are not even part of the negotiations.

That's what's happening in Ontario between the Ford government and the province's optometrists. Except there are no negotiations and thousands of third parties are hurting.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Optometrists withdrew services Sept. 1 for patients covered under the Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan (OHIP). OHIP funds eye exams of people 65 and older, children and teens and people with special conditions such as glaucoma and macular degeneration.

The Ontario government has underfunded eye exams for OHIP patients for decades. In 1989 it paid \$39.15 for an OHIP eye exam. Today, 32 years later, it pays \$44, an increase of less than \$5 over three decades.

The Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) says that an independent accounting study found that the average cost of providing an eye exam now is \$75.51 because of increases in rent, real estate, support staff salaries and more advanced and expensive diagnostic equipment.

The Ford government readily admits there has been underfunding and has offered a one-time \$39-million payment to help alleviate the underfunding. It also has proposed a funding increase of 8.49 per cent, which according to my math would provide just under \$48 for an eye exam.

As is the case in many difficult negotiations, each side is accusing the other of not wanting to negotiate in good faith.

I don't know who is doing what or not doing what in this fight. I do know that the health of thousands of seniors, children, teens and people with special conditions is at risk because they cannot see an optometrist. (They can't even pay out of pocket because optometrists are not allowed to take money from OHIP patients).

Eye exams are important because they detect serious diseases. They are especially important for children and seniors.

A child might be struggling in school without realizing she cannot read the blackboard, computer screen or paperwork because she needs glasses. A senior notices vision is not as sharp as it once was and attributes it to old age. The lack of sharpness might be caused by eye disease such as glaucoma or macular degeneration, which can lead to blindness.

More than one million Canadians now live with vision loss, according to new research commissioned by optometrist, ophthalmological and vision care groups. That number is expected to double within the next 10 years.

Also, eight million Canadians are living with an eye disease that could make them blind. These are diseases in which regular eye examinations provide early diagnoses and treatments.

Gila Martow, Progressive Conservative MPP for Thornhill riding, criticizes her own government's proposed fee increase as "heavy-handed" and delivered with a "take it or leave it" attitude.

She says she is uncomfortable breaking ranks because she is an optometrist, but did so to draw attention to the dispute that has left tens of thousands without eye care.

Bravo to her for declaring her conflict of interest. Because I am reporting on this subject, I should declare my own.

I have sight in only one eye and three months ago was diagnosed with macular degeneration and glaucoma in the good eye. I haven't been able to see an optometrist since then because of the funding dispute.

My personal situation and Ms. Martow's conflict are of little consequence to anyone. The main focus in all this must be the children who need eye care to ensure they have all the advantages needed for a solid education.

This eye care funding dispute has gone on far too long without the public attention needed to push the parties into negotiating an agreement. We all need to start talking about this – among ourselves, to our politicians and to the media.

Only public pressure will get this resolved.

Friday night brights

/Photo submitted by Guenter Horst



letters to the editor

A fun moment for the kids

To the Editor,

Thank you!!!

I brought the paper into the before school program this morning and the children were absolutely thrilled to see themselves and their friends in it. They all gathered around and reminisced about what had happened that day. It was such an

amazing moment and I cannot express how much we appreciate you including us in the paper!

Have a great day,
Lindsay Jowett

Compass ELC Archie Stouffer/Minden

Plowing crisis

To the Editor,

The following is an open letter to MPP Laurie Scott, submitted to the Minden Times.

I am sure you are aware of the issue facing so many of us in the riding. Many of your constituents, like me, live in places where no level of government will plow the small roads and right of ways that we live on. We must, by necessity, hire people to plow our roads and driveways.

Recent increases in insurance have astronomically increased the amount that contractors must pay for insurance. In response, many of these independent contractors have simply abandoned plowing. Those that remain must charge higher and higher rates. We lost the person who plowed our road as he simply couldn't pay the new in-

surance amount. Nor could he find anyone willing to take over his business.

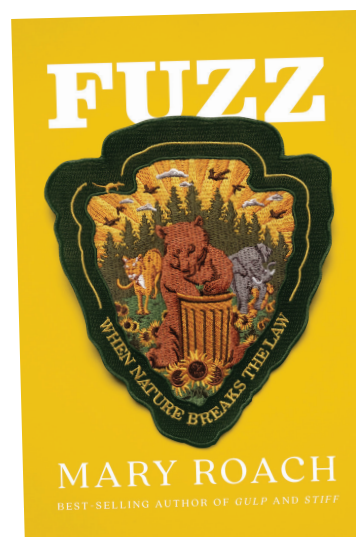
This is a true crisis. Without plowing, homes will be inaccessible. These are not cottages, these are full-time homes. Plowing is not an "option" – it is a necessity.

And as you may be aware, many of your constituents are on low or fixed incomes. But even those with the means to pay may not be able to find anyone to plow.

This is something that only the provincial government can solve. What is the government doing about this crisis?

Jim Love
Minden
(one kilometre from the
nearest plowed road)

HCPL's Non-fic Pick - November



What's to be done about a jaywalking moose? A bear caught breaking and entering? A murderous tree? The answers are best found not in jurisprudence but in science: the curious science of human-wildlife conflict, a discipline at the crossroads of human behavior and wildlife biology.

Author Mary Roach tags along with animal-attack forensics investigators, human-elephant conflict specialists, bear managers, and a "danger tree" faller blaster to hilariously outline the problems that arise when humans and nature attempt to co-exist in the same spaces.

Combining little-known forensic science and conservation genetics with a motley cast of laser scarecrows, langur impersonators, and trespassing squirrels, Roach reveals as much about humanity as about nature's lawbreakers. When it comes to "problem" wildlife, she discovers humans are more often the problem—and the solution. Fascinating, witty, and humane, *Fuzz* offers hope for compassionate coexistence in our ever-expanding human habitat. Check it out from the Haliburton County Public Library today.

A win for wildlife: online auction supports sanctuary

by **NICK BERNARD**
Times Staff

Each year, the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary holds a fundraiser to help support the work they do in rescuing and rehabilitating sick and injured animals across the highlands. This year, with the ongoing pandemic, the sanctuary is going online by encouraging the public to “Bid Wild 4 Wildlife,” with their online charity auction.

“We’d prefer to do a real kind of gathering, like a dinner and dance party, but that’s been impossible,” said Monika Melichar, who is the founder and head wildlife rehabilitator at the sanctuary. While this is the fourth such fundraiser of this kind, this year’s auction will be conducted through another local company, ShopCloseBuy, an online auction and e-commerce site.

“They’re based out of Haliburton, so it keeps the business here in our community,” Melichar explained.

The auction, with more than 150 items to bid on, runs from Nov. 22 to Dec. 5. All proceeds raised will help fund the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. Items on offer include works by local artists, including an oil painting by James Woods, a watercolour by Nancy Kursbatt, hand-carved pieces by Eric Almeida, and a chainsaw-carved piece by Walter Vanderwindt.

Throughout the year the sanctuary is busy with human and animal activity alike, from the volunteers, led by founder and head wildlife rehabilitator Monika Melichar, to the hundreds of animals in their care.

“We have our core group of volunteers that have been with me for many many years,” Melichar said. Because of the pandemic,



A groundhog being bottle-fed at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary in Minden. An online auction hopes to raise funds for the Minden-based wildlife rehabilitation centre./FILE PHOTO

it’s been difficult to attract new volunteers. However, that has not slowed down the pace of animals that have come through their doors this year: “We’ve helped over 750 animals so far.”

On top of that, the sanctuary built a new enclosure to house the high number of animals, as well as extensions to their ICU and nursery buildings, which has brought running water to those facilities for the first time

in the sanctuary’s decades-long history. It’s been a huge project for the sanctuary, and has made things at the sanctuary much easier. With the major upgrades done, Monika says the sanctuary is now focused on maintaining their facilities and maintaining the quality of care of the animals.

“Medicine, and the medical treatment of some of these animals, is quite expensive,” Melichar explains. As well, the sanctuary

must keep a regular stock of specialty foods that are required for the baby animals in the spring, including milk meant specifically for animals like squirrels and deer. On top of all that, they need money to maintain the regular day-to-day operations of the sanctuary.

“On a typical day, all the diets are prepared and they get handed out,” Melichar said as she explains what a day at the sanctuary entails. The sanctuary also handles medical procedures like stitching and bandaging, as well as keeping the animals climatized comfortably while they recuperate.

In addition to financial support, Melichar said the sanctuary is still looking for volunteers, including drivers and other support positions that don’t necessarily require the handling of animals.

“We’re going to be looking for volunteers that maybe don’t want to work with the animals necessarily, but want to be part of the sanctuary,” she explained. “And they can do things like promotions and advertising ... helping us with our social media and newsletter and things like that.”

In addition to this year’s online auction, the community is encouraged to support the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary through direct monetary donation, making a purchase on their Amazon wishlist, or donating supplies from their list of requested items on the sanctuary’s website.

The auction will be hosted Nov. 22 to Dec. 5 at haliburtonhighlands.shopcloseby.ca, with a list of items available to view now.

You can find more information about Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, including details on how you can lend your support, by visiting their website at woodlandswildlife-sanctuary.ca



Rhubarb fundraiser turns up the heat

Rhubarb’s annual heat bank auction fundraiser was held at the restaurant on Nov. 14 and has, at press time, raised more than \$30,000 for Heat Bank Haliburton County. The fundraiser, hosted by Ted Brandon, included a three-course meal, live music by Nick and Benton and an online and live auction. /Photo submitted

Paying it forward

- What: Online holiday auction
Benefitting: Minden Rotary efforts
When: Nov. 13 to Nov. 27
Where: www.mindenrotary.ca
- What: Not-so-silent auction
Benefitting: Medeba’s COVID-19 relief fund
When: Nov. 20
Where: RSVP to info@medeba.com for the Zoom link
- What: Women’s Business Network of Peterborough charity auction
Benefitting: YWCA Peterborough Haliburton
When: Nov. 24 to Dec. 8
Where: <https://haliburtonhighlands.shopcloseby.ca/>



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Christmas hampers hope to make the season bright

by NICK BERNARD
Times Staff

Thousands of kilometers away from the North Pole, in our very own backyard, there is a team of hardworking leaders and volunteers getting ready for the giving season. That work is happening at the Minden Community Food Centre, where preparations are underway for this year's Christmas hamper and toy drive.

Joanne Barnes, food centre manager, said she expects an increased number of people collecting hampers this year.

"We're expecting the numbers may be higher this year because our registered numbers are higher," she said. "But everything has been totally different during the last 19 months."

She says families that have been collecting pandemic-related government benefits haven't needed to go to the food centre. But, since most COVID-based financial assistance programs ended in October, those families have started to return. According to Barnes, the food centre is now being visited by 16 to 18 families per day.

"And we're taking in new people every week," Barnes added.

Donations, however, are still good, and Barnes said that, despite some intermittent activity in the summer, the food centre is well-prepared for the season ahead. This means this year's Christmas hampers will have plenty of fixings for the families that need them.

"[Families] have a choice between a turkey or a ham dinner. So, they get that with all the fixings for their main Christmas dinner, plus a week's worth of groceries," Barnes explained. Families will be asked for their meal preference, as well as addressing any allergies they might have among them.

In addition to a hamper full of food, there will also be toys for the children. Barnes says that each hamper will have a different toy in it, based on the size and makeup of each family. Barnes says that when families register, they'll be asked for the names of everyone in the household, and the ages of the children.

The food centre has help with collecting toys from various businesses, agencies, and service groups around the area.



Call-in applications for a 2021 Christmas food hamper take place from Nov. 22 to 26 and Nov. 29 to Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hamper pick up is by drive-thru on Tuesday, Dec. 21. /FILE PHOTO

Christmas trees will be set up at places like banks, retail spaces, and the post office, each adorned with tags that include a small toy request meant for someone specific.

"When people go in, there's tags on the trees, so they take a tag and it might say 'A 10-year-old Girl'," Barnes explained.

From there, an individual can purchase that toy and return it to the tree. Staff from the food centre pick up the toys on a regular basis. Barnes says that the food centre has never needed to purchase toys themselves, thanks to the generosity of the community at large.

"This is the most giving community I know," Barnes says about the public's support. "It's overwhelming what people

will do for people. We buy all the food for the hampers -- that's all done through the food bank -- but we've never had to buy gifts."

Like last year, the distribution of Christmas hampers will be done with COVID-19 precautions in mind.

Families will be able to collect their hampers outside, where volunteers will check their identification and match them up with their respective hamper.

If you are in need and wish to get your name on the list for Christmas hampers, you can contact the Minden Community Food Centre at (705) 286-6400. Registration begins Nov. 22, and will take place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Elisha Weiss



Schmale named shadow minister for Indigenous Services

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale was appointed the new shadow minister for Indigenous Services in Canada's 44th Parliament on Nov. 9, according to a press release sent from Schmale's office.

"The news comes as part of a team of critics announced today by Conservative Party Leader Erin O'Toole," reads the news. That team includes recently-elected Peterborough-

Kawartha Conservative MP Michelle Ferreri, named shadow minister for Tourism and Hastings-Lennox and Addington MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, named shadow minister for Seniors.

"I'm looking forward to my new role as shadow minister for Indigenous Services," said Schmale. "This presents an opportunity to expand on the experience I gained while in

Crown-Indigenous Relations."

In 2019, Schmale served as the shadow minister for Crown-Indigenous Relations under previous Conservative leader Andrew Scheer, and as shadow minister for Families, Children and Social Development in 2020 under O'Toole. Earlier this year after another shuffle, Schmale served again at Crown-Indigenous Relations until recently.

In a press release, Schmale said he looked forward to working with Indigenous leaders and communities to address what he called "outstanding issues," including availability of clean drinking water to Indigenous communities; adequate health-care and housing for Indigenous families and children; public safety issues on reserves through increased Indigenous led restorative justice measures and increased powers for First Nations policing services.

The House of Commons is set to begin sitting on Nov. 22.

- Staff

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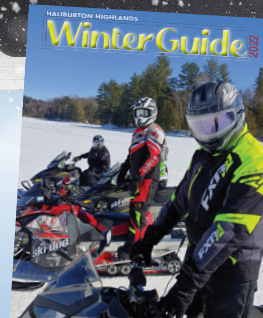
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Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale attended Minden's Remembrance Day service, two days after being appointed shadow minister for Indigenous Services in Canada's 44th Parliament. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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HHSS Co-op SERIES



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student Nick Daw drives a tractor, discing a plot of land in Minden. This was one of many types of work Nick completed during his co-op placement this semester. His career aspiration is to have a profession in the agricultural industry. /DARREN LUM Staff

Sowing the seeds of success

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The following is the first in a series of co-op placement stories, featuring Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and area employers in Haliburton County. Open to Grade 11 and 12 students, the co-op program enables students to earn high school credits by integrating course curriculum with learning at a work placement.

With an eye on the disc harrow behind him and a firm hand on the tractor wheel in front of him, senior high school student Nick Daw was doing more than just discing a field in Minden for farmer Casey Cox, he was making his mark towards fulfilling a lifelong dream through co-operative education.

The Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student, who will turn 17 in a few weeks is a unique case among students with not just how he went after setting up his farming co-op placement directly with Casey, but the deep passion he has to work in the agricultural industry.

He sees an inherent value in agriculture work that doesn't exist in other fields and it started long before this year.

"I always liked it [because] you're stewards of the earth they say. Take care of the land, animals. Stuff like that. That was always my reason. I was always interested in that. It was my only thing. I'd sit in class and daydream about it all day," he said, referring to when he was in elementary school located in Millgrove, a rural community outside of Hamilton.

There are photos of Nick as a toddler, wearing a costume that made him a miniature combine, complete with a corn head and the Case logo during Halloween several years ago. His mother, Karen said he's a veritable walking encyclopedia when it comes to heavy farming equipment. She can remember him beaming during visits to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and Canada's Outdoor Farm Show.

On his dad's side of the family, there is a farm where he got to be completely immersed in the world that spoke to him like nothing else.

"I always loved being around the farm. When we came up here it's a little different. There's no farmland, barely any. There used to be. Not anymore. And I was thinking about my co-op and farming always stuck with me and I knew who Casey Cox was and figured I'd go and talk to him and see about a co-op. And it would be something different than working at a store or whatever. Nothing wrong with that, but that's just not for me," he said.

The Grade 12 student already had held retail positions before and saw co-op as an opportunity for a new work experience related to something he is passionate about.

He remembers seeing Casey, who knows Nick's dad Wes with his work at Tom Prentice and Sons, during a shift at Minden Home Hardware. He knew he had everything to gain and nothing to lose, if he asked about gaining experience from Casey rather than leave it to HHSS teacher and co-op coordinator Jason Morissette to ask for him.

"A lot of people are more interested, if they see a kid go out to them instead of a teacher. If you're really interested in something, you go out there and inquire and you go chase after that because it's not very often it's going to come to you. You have to go to that," he said.

Casey has appreciated Nick's enthusiasm and his abilities with operating heavy machinery such as the tractor while discing and cultivating.

"He seemed like a kid that wanted to try and what did I have to lose?" he said.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student Nick Daw drives a tractor, discing a plot of land for Minden farmer Casey Cox earlier this month. Nick has been helping and learning first-hand about farming from Casey and his son, Chad, as part of a co-op placement this semester.

"We've got more work done this year than ever at this time of year and he's good on tractors and he's interested. That's the big thing. It's not that he thinks he is interested, he is interested," he said.

Nick made repairs, moved hay and observed a diverse range of farm operations.

He started the year with the full-day, four-credit option, but later switched to the two-credit option, alternating mornings and afternoons, four days a week, because he needed more courses for post-secondary education requirements.

The 16-year-old is planning to apply to two programs for business agriculture, one at Algonquin College, which is a two-year diploma program that includes the option of a co-op placement and the other is at the University of Guelph's Ridgetown campus.

Nick appreciated what Casey and his son Chad did for him, which includes taking the chance on him, helping him one-on-one with different tasks, and entrusting him with working their plots of land.

"I'm very lucky that he took the opportunity to bring me, show me and teach me. Nothing but good things to say about him. He's a great guy," he said, referring to Casey.

He adds, this experience has bolstered what he knew going into it.

"It made me realize more that this is what I want to do and this is what I strive to do and want to learn more and more," he said.

Casey, who bought his first set of cows at 13, has farmed in Minden all his life and said he doesn't know how to stop farming. He adds making a living from farming now is extremely difficult unlike when he started, but it isn't impossible, particularly for Nick.

"But he's got the drive, you know what I mean? It depends

on what you want to make I guess," he said. "But he seems to have the drive to do it. But he's young. We all had a lot more drive when we were young."

Casey is among only a handful of farmers that operate in the Highlands.

Although his adult son is interested in cash crops, Casey is responsible for the most head of cattle in Haliburton County with close to 100 out of an approximate 150 estimated to be in the area. His properties total about 50 acres in Minden.

What Nick did was beneficial for Casey, who has had retirees help with his farm in the past.

"I got some good help. There's lots of retired guys that live at the lake. You know, they worked for Bell or they worked for IBM. They're always bored with a day here and day there. So, this year, Nick kind of gave those guys a break in a way," he said.

Although Nick had experience on a farm before and the drive, Casey acknowledges that at the start it took some patience on his part to get things rolling.

At this point, Nick's career pursuits are not specifically tied to any one profession.

"I'd love to farm, but with the prices of real estate and everything right now it'll be a challenge, but that's the end goal for sure. But anything in agricultural will be great for me," he said.

When it comes to encouraging others about the value of a placement it comes down to going after what you want to do and taking the steps to fulfill that desire.

"Anybody that wants to do something just go out and do it. Take that opportunity because it'll change your life. If you like something, go and chase your dreams. Dreams only work if you do," he said.

Haliburton County groups rewarded as Community Champions

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Voters showed their support for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and Rotary Club of Minden during the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) Community Champions contest, resulting in a win for both groups.

The two organizations were among five Community Champions finalists who were chosen by an OHTO selection panel after a nomination process inviting “locals and admirers of Ontario’s Highlands” included the recognition of “an organization that went above and beyond this past year to strengthen the local community, advocate for the environment, or help preserve our natural wonders.”

Each of these organizations are being rewarded with \$3,000 for their respective causes after they finished with the most votes made between Sept. 24 and Oct. 8 to earn the OHTO designation along with The Grind Pembroke, which is a volunteer-driven charitable organization serving marginalized, low-to-no-income community members in Renfrew County.

The Minden Rotary Club is a social service club comprised of volunteers that works to improve and enhance the community in a variety of ways, and is expected to use the \$3,000 to support Fuel for Warmth, which provides help to low-to-no income residents in heating their homes.

Club president Lynda Litwin said in an email message she was thrilled to learn about this opportunity, particularly during these “difficult times to help to support small



Minden Rotary Club members at a vaccine clinic volunteer appreciation day held Oct. 31 at Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast in Minden. /Submitted photo

communities.”

She adds winning proved this community could compete with larger centres where the other nominated organizations are located.

“The results show that smaller communities can win these grant opportunities against larger communities. We want to thank everyone that voted for Minden Rotary. I am so grateful that we have creative members that

are looking for new ways to raise funds so we can continue to support the growing needs in our community,” she wrote in an email.

Rotarian Andy Campbell, who served as a contact for OHTO during the contest, said winning gives the club an opportunity to help Minden more.

“By having this award given to the Rotary Club of Minden we will now be able to re-

direct some of the funds we have collected through our fundraising activities to some other worthwhile causes in the community,” he said.

Fuel for Warmth was chosen as a recipient by the Rotary Club because of the club’s focus helping with housing and heating.

“We all know housing is a challenge and even in addition to housing, heating is a challenge. Fuel for Warmth has got a great program with the food bank and the Minden Rotary Club is a big supporter of the food bank, so this fit right in,” he said.

The club has a long-standing tradition of helping around Minden Hills, whether its through its membership, volunteering, or supporting causes financially.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is an organization that provides stewardship to five ecologically important properties in Haliburton County, including the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve and the Dahl Forest.

HHLT chairperson of the board, Shelley Hunt said the organization was excited about being named a Community Champion.

“We’re just so proud to be part of this Haliburton [County] community. It’s just such a supportive community and we were just delighted to get enough votes to get the funding,” she said.

Hunt said there was hope to use the money towards covering part of the expenses to expand the parking area at the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, but were not able to because of timing related to when the funding can be used. Instead, it will help with maintaining the open areas at the reserve, which is an important habitat for species at risk, who use

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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust director Sheila Ziman, far right, laughs while leading a hike as part of the official opening ceremony event of the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve in Oct. 2020. /DARREN LUM FILE

Win is a 'vote of confidence'

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the area for foraging, nesting and/or basking.

The votes received are a clear indication of support from the community, Hunt said.

"It tells us that we are doing meaningful things in the community and appreciated by

the community. It really is a vote of confidence for the work that the Land Trust is doing and for being able to maintain properties like Barnum Creek and Dahl Forest that are open for public use," she said.



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Making the best of the OFSAA opportunity

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Red Hawks cross-country runner Erika Hoare runs to a 67th finish against the best of the province at this year's all-provincials held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Lakefield College School in Lakefield. The Novice (13 to 14 years) runner said her finish exceeded her expectations. Submitted by Karen Gervais



Red Hawks cross-country runner Erika Hoare was beaming with a sense of accomplishment, having exceeded her expectations by placing 67th in a field of 185 Novice (13 and 14) aged runners at the all-provincials held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Lakefield College School in Lakefield.

The Grade 9 student competed in her first OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championship and was the lone Red Hawks runner to earn the chance to compete against the best in the province since athletics were suspended for close to two years because of the pandemic.

"I was excited about it. I was aiming for the top-100. We thought 75 maybe, but that might be out of reach. So, 67 was really good," she said.

Hoare's 4.3 kilometre race started at 9 a.m. and it provided her frigid conditions from a chill in the air to a thick frost on the ground, which didn't pose much of a traction problem for her with her running spikes. She said the cool temperature was not very different to what she already experienced with 7 a.m. team practices.

Cross-country coach Karen Gervais, who said Hoare is a mentally tough runner with a strong competitive edge, commended her runner for her finish, saying she should be proud.

Hoare continues a Hawks trend of going to OFSAA for cross-country. In 2019, the last time there was an athletics' season, the Hawks sent Isaac Little, who has since graduated, and current senior runner Nick Phippen.

Gervais said coming into the season she hoped Hoare would run a sub-five minute per kilometre pace, which was achieved at the Central Ontario Sports Athletic Associations (COSSA) championship when she ran a 4:33 pace. She did it again, running a 4:48 pace at OFSAA on a course that was 600 metres longer.

The teen runner, Gervais said, is a committed member of the team and rarely missed training this season.

Hoare appreciated the sophisticated drills her coach taught her, which included a focus on improving pacing, breathing and learning about specific running techniques such as getting on the balls of her feet when ascending.

At the start of the year, the cross-country team's focus was on recreation. The opportunity to compete wasn't known until close to a week before the Bay of Quinte Invitational at Dunnett Orchards on Oct. 6 in Brighton, so the potential to improve more next year is expected with more training.

"There was no thought about OFSAA. It was just go, let's have fun," Hoare said.

Although the runner missed the team atmosphere being the school's only representative at the all-provincials, she still appreciated the opportunity to return to racing.

"I was just excited to go and do something again," she said.

With the a field of runners at close to 200 rather than the five dozen or so she had previously competed against earlier this year, Hoare was forced to employ a different strategy than just "going out fast and hard and maintaining her position."

Hoare said she typically would run to the front of the field and take a top-five position from the start to force runners to pass her until she could find another that was running a pace that she was comfortable with keeping.

"Instead I just picked them off from behind," she said. "It was much more satisfying. It was harder in the way that there was so many people you get boxed in, so when you go to pass someone you didn't know if that would be wasted energy, or if all they're doing is being stuck behind someone, or if you can actually pass them."

Gervais said Hoare ran a smart race, patiently looking for her chances to pass and looked strong during the second half of the race. She adds it was the hills where the Grade 9 runner made gains.

The coach is excited for the opportunity to work more with Hoare next autumn.

"By the time we got the green light to move forward with a competitive season, there was less than a month left to prepare for Kawartha's. I am excited to see what she can do with her talent, work ethic and a proper season to train. Her dedication, quiet confidence and the kind support she offers other athletes makes her an asset to the team," she wrote in an email.

Gervais is looking forward to working with Hoare more the rest of the school year during the coming Nordic skiing season, which she will be coaching with Mike Rieger.

Hoare is thankful to the older cross-country team members,

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U-Links looking for research ideas for the winter semester

If you have a question that needs answered, an idea that needs thoughtful research or a problem to solve, the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research wants to help.

Since 1999, U-Links has facilitated hundreds of research projects in Haliburton County between community organizations and student researchers from Trent University and Fleming College. The U-Links team aims to help organizations gain valuable research which will benefit the social, cultural, environmental, and economic life of Haliburton County.

Don't have a background in research or

know where to start? Not a problem, according to U-Links. All you need is an idea, and the group is happy to assist in the development of your project proposal and define the appropriate research questions. If they relate to community development, health sciences, forensics, environmental sciences or another area, U-Links is here to help.

For example, a few current community-based research projects include:

- * Supports for Eating Disorders in Rural Communities
- * Establishing Permanent Sample Plots at the Dahl Forest for Forest Health Monitoring
- * Conducting a Wetland Assessment for Gull Lake

U-Links also facilitates opportunities for community-service learning. This is a form of experiential education that achieves immediate outcomes, such as completing an event, survey or activity. An example is the annual Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival which engages Trent Environmental Science students and community members to help run the activity stations and ensure the day goes smoothly.

The U-Links Centre for Community-Based

Research group asks that any project ideas or topics be sent over by the beginning of December so they can be ready for Trent and Fleming faculty to consider for their winter and spring courses.

For more information and to see examples of previous and available research projects please visit www.ulinks.ca. Contact program co-ordinator Sadie Fischer at environmental@ulinks.ca or phone the Minden office at 705-286-2411.

- Staff

A step toward normalcy

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who offered help and encouragement when the coach wasn't available to travel to the Kawartha cross-country championship for personal reasons.

With COVID-19 restrictions eased to allow for athletic competitions, this year's OFSAA championship was a little different than pre-pandemic times when spectators were present and could be close to the runners competing and would shout and cheer.

Gervais said each school with a competitor was only permitted to have two coaches or parent volunteers in attendance. Race starts were staggered and athletes were only permitted to be on site for their respective groups such as novice, junior and senior. Once the race was completed, they needed to leave the site.

"The crowds were sparse and while athletes lacked the full support of friends, family and fellow athletes to cheer them on, I think all were very grateful to be there and have the opportunity to race again," Gervais wrote.



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Haliburton County Snowmobile Association wins club of the year

Provincial distinction awarded ahead of milestone 50th year

by STEPHEN PETRICK
Special to the Times

Good news for snowmobilers; the snow is beginning to fall. Even better news: the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association will enter this season as tops in its class.

The HCSA was recently named the snowmobile club of the year by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

At the federation’s recent awards night, HCSA was named a regional winner; later that evening it was announced as the provincial winner, selected from 17 districts.

The federation said “the HCSA was selected for its exceptional innovative activities in participation development, rider experience, volunteerism and partnership development.”

The HCSA’s Forest and Rail FAR Loop tour was cited for attracting new snowmobilers to the area. The HCSA also encouraged downtown Haliburton businesses to post “Welcome Snowmobilers” signs in their windows. Also, the HCSA installed a “SnoCam” webcam to show current snow conditions in real-time and a charitable fundraiser was launched for The Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Foundation.

The association was also congratulated for its strong relationships with area businesses and municipalities, in particular those in the Haliburton County tourism industry.

The award comes as HCSA is preparing for a milestone year; this marks its 50th season of grooming trails for snowmobiling enthusiasts.

“It is a huge honour to be selected as the Ontario Snowmobile Club of the year by our



HCSA volunteers nicknamed The Bridge Squad redecked two 20-foot-long bridges on TOP Trail B in horrible weather early last month. The HCSA was recently named the snowmobile club of the year by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. /Photo submitted by the HCSA

peers,” wrote HCSA president John Enright, in an email. “This is about all the private landowners who allow us to cross their properties without compensation and the thousands of volunteer man hours by HCSA people over the past 49 years, which got us to the place we are in today.”

The HCSA is a non-profit organization, owned and managed by volunteers. It man-

ages 370 kilometres worth of trails. It is part of the broader Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, which manages about 30,000 kilometres of trails, between all its members.

“We have so much to see on our trails -- an abandoned rail line, a whitewater preserve, a trail older than Canada, the only recognized snowmobile trail through Algonquin Park,

“ This is about all the private landowners who allow us to cross their properties without compensation and the thousands of volunteer man hours by HCSA people over the past 49 years, which got us to the place we are in today.

— JOHN ENRIGHT, HCSA PRESIDENT ”

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2022 Municipal Election

Joint Compliance Audit Committee Members

The Corporations of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, the Township of Minden Hills, the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Municipality of Highlands East, are currently seeking interested applicants from professionals who are required to adhere to codes of standards of their profession, and other individuals with in depth knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* for appointment to a **Joint Compliance Audit Committee**.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee has full delegation of the authority in the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, to address applications requesting an audit of a candidate’s election campaign finances. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Review applications and grant or reject audit requests
- Where an audit is granted, appoint an auditor and review the audit report
- Where indicated, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee will consist of members appointed by each Council. Committee members must have the ability to understand and apply the election campaign finance provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and should be considered impartial with respect to their ability to fulfill their responsibilities. Preference shall be given to candidates that have applicable experience in accounting, law, law enforcement and academics from related fields.

Preferred Qualifications:

- (a) Accounting and audit – accountants or auditors with experience in preparing or auditing the financial statements of municipal candidates;
- (b) Academic – college or university professors with expertise in political science or local government administration;
- (c) Legal; and
- (d) Other individuals with knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Members of the public interested in serving on this Committee are asked to submit a resume, and covering letter, marked “Confidential” **no later than Noon on November 30, 2021** to:

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For further information, please contact Robyn Rogers, Clerk by email at rogers@highlandseast.ca

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Huskies unable to ground Golden Hawks attack in 6-2 loss

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

A pair of goals from Aiden McIntosh helped the visiting Trenton Golden Hawks blowout the Haliburton County Huskies 6-2, Saturday at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. In a game that saw a staggering 48 combined penalty minutes awarded, emotions were high as a packed house witnessed one of the seasons more intense games.

Trenton applied the pressure early, but would suffer a double minor as Trystan Mughal was sent off for kneeing. The Huskies made quick work on the power play, Lucas Stevenson buried a feed from Oliver Tarr to put Huskies ahead 1-0. A couple minutes later, the Golden Hawks responded with one of their own.

McIntosh received a pass from Dalton Bancroft and beat Christian Cicigoi, tying the game up at one a piece and ending the Huskies only time leading this hockey game. Heading back to the locker room tied, the second period would see an explosion in scoring ... from Trenton. With both goalies standing on their heads, one of them had to give and with five minutes to go, the Golden Hawks went to work.

Jake Laville would rip a shot short-handed past Cicigoi on the breakaway to put the



Huskies learned some lessons on home ice at the S.G. Nesbitt memorial arena.
/ALEX GALLACHER Special to the Times

Golden Hawks ahead, and three minutes later Justin Mauro added another tally to end the period at 3-1 for Trenton.

The third period didn't fair much better for Haliburton, as 27 seconds in Jordyn Mughal netted a feed from his brother Trystan and put the Golden Hawks up 4-1. After this point, the physicality of the game picked up ten-fold. First, it was Bannon Butler going off for spearing. Then it was Sami Douglas-Najem taking a two minute time out for roughing, then finally McIntosh scored his second goal

of the game when all hell broke loose.

A scrap behind the net led to Joe Boice and Jordyn Mughal getting into a shoving match which quickly escalated, both players went to the ice before being separated by officials. Both players were given ten-minute misconducts, while Bancroft was hit with an unsportsmanlike conduct call to give the Huskies a power play.

On the ensuing powerplay, Nathan Porter broke the streak of five straight Trenton goals with his second of the season. Aaron

Jameison would put the final nail in the coffin, and Trenton walked out of Minden with a commanding 6-2 win.

"We had a bunch of powerplays and I don't think our unit did well," said Head Coach Ryan Ramsay. "We need to be better and coming off that hard fought win yesterday, having only three lines isn't what we want but I think we can bounce back next game for sure."

For the captain Nathan Porter, his goal was a testament to his hard fought night. The team gave it everything they had, but Saturday wasn't meant to be. Porter was still able to find many positives from that game, and even in a tough loss many players held their heads up high.

"In this league you gotta show up to play every night," Porter said. "In our eyes this is pretty much a battle for first place, it's a good lesson for the younger guys to show them if we don't bring it every single game, that will happen."

The Huskies concluded their weekend with a 4-3 OT loss to the North York Rangers, but next week will see a busy slate. Thursday (Nov.18) night in Caledon for a meeting with the Admirals, Saturday (Nov. 20) night in Toronto for a meeting with the Patriots. The next home game won't be until Nov. 26, for another rematch with the Cobourg Cougars.

Huskies leave the Muskies on the hook for 2-1 loss

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

The Haliburton County Huskies made the 45 minute journey to Lindsay to take on the Muskies, Friday night at the Lindsay Recreation Complex. Following a short-handed game winner by Sam Solarino, the Huskies took the win 2-1. Coming off an overtime win in Cobourg on Monday, the Huskies were eager to take a bite out of the fish in the building where they earned their first win in franchise history.

From the opening drop of the puck, both teams appeared evenly matched. With around half of the audience sporting Huskies colours, it was a home away from home as Oliver Tarr got to work with two quick chances in the first few minutes. With six players out of the lineup due to injury, the Huskies were forced to play with nearly an entire line missing. However, the team was not phased as the first period was scoreless.

The most notable moment came when Muskies goalie Ethan Fraser committed highway robbery on Lucas Stevenson, stopping a one timer that appeared destined for

the back of the net.

Opening up the second, the Muskies took a penalty and it opened the door for this first goal of the game. Duncan Scullion would get a dream chance short-handed, the puck flew past Christian Cicigoi and just like that the Muskies took the lead.

After a few more chances fell by the wayside for Lindsay, Will Gourgouvelis tied the game in dramatic fashion. The Muskies defense made an errant pass that ended up on Gourgouvelis' stick, which he then ripped a bullet past Fraser to put the teams at even odds again.

While the two teams fought and fought, the deadlock continued into the third stanza.

With the Huskies down a man, Solarino took upon himself to score a goal fit for the highlight reel. After Fraser came out to play the puck, Solarino was able to pick pocket the goalie and fire the shot into the empty net as two Lindsay players dove to try and block it.

The goal set the visiting fans afire, and after a Muskies onslaught for a late game equalizer, the Huskies proved too much to handle.

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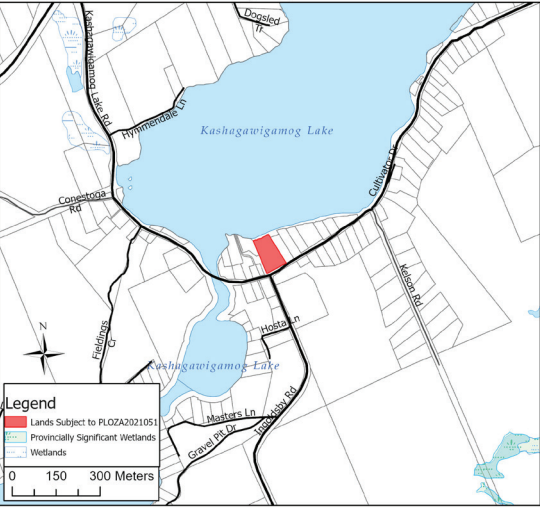
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PART LOT 19 & 20, CONCESSION 2 – GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN
(PLOZBA2021051)

Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills has received an application to amend the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law. The site specific amendments apply to property located at Part Lots 19 & 20, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden, municipally known as 1297 Kashagawigamog Lake Road (see Key Map Below).

Purpose and Effect: The subject property is presently zoned 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' and is located in the Waterfront designation of the Township's Official Plan. The proposed amendments would re-designate and rezone the property to allow a waterfront commercial use; and permit a 'General Commercial-Exception (C2-E)' Zoning to recognize a tourist establishment use of the existing buildings.

And Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a **Public Meeting**, as required under the Planning Act, being an opportunity for Council to receive and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour of, or opposition to, the proposed amendment during the Public Meeting.



DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLOZA2021051

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Please Note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

Additional Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or at such time as the Township offices re-open and is available online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.506).

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

If a Person or Public Body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

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If You Wish to Be Notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

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Do You REMEMBER

...Miss Stiner?

TWO OF Our readers remember her. In their responses to our previous queries about Gull Lake spinsters Isabel Curry and Ida Noice, both mentioned a Miss Stiner.



ADELE ESPINA

History in the Highlands

Dave Robinson wrote that she had purchased Isabel Curry's cottage property and renamed it Wishwood. In her letter to the editor, Mrs. Norma Littlewood said that when Miss Noice and Miss

Curry would visit her mother, there was a third lady, Miss Stiner, who was tall and thin and wore wide brim hats. In a follow up telephone call, Mrs. Littlewood remembered that Miss Stiner had given her two necklaces, one made of glass fruit and one of glass vegetables, as well as one of her wide brim hats.

But who was she? Researching old

property records and genealogy websites unearthed bits and pieces of her life. Her name was Iva Stiner and she was born in Uxbridge in 1894.

Unexpectedly – because she was known as "Miss" all her life – a marriage record was found. In 1919, living in Waterloo county, she had married a First World War veteran named George Bayliss. Their wedding was not an impulsive post-war event. In George's military personnel records, there were ledgers indicating that he had sent part of his pay home to Iva's father during the war. His physical description changed, too. His forearm had been tattooed with an image of a woman's head and the word IVA sometime between sign up in 1914 and discharge in 1919.

Just two years after their marriage, Iva was recorded on the 1921 census as an unmarried woman, living with her parents and her sister Ethel. The sisters graduated in the mid-1920s from the Ontario Hospital Training School for Nurses. Iva probably met Isabel Curry in Toronto where they both worked.

Iva purchased her cottage lot in 1947. Ten

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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years later, she died and her sister Ethel Stiner Fish inherited the property. Ethel reported on the land transfer that Iva was “sometimes known as Iva Bayliss.” She buried her sister in the Minden cemetery.

A glimpse into Iva’s retirement in Minden with her friends Isabel and Ida was found in the Women’s Institute Tweedsmuir books in the genealogy room at the Minden library

A copy of a 1978 Haliburton Echo photo pictures the three women at a St. Paul’s Women’s Auxiliary party in 1946. By lucky coincidence, there is also a newspaper clipping in Lydia Coulter’s scrapbooks there which describes the party:

GIRLS GUILD ENTERTAIN W.A.

Tuesday May 31st was a night for revelry when the Anglican Girls Guild entertained their parent organization, the Women’s Auxiliary to St. Pauls Church.

Invitations in rhyme announced that the members would be taxed to the home of Mrs. L. McCarey, where the party was held.

Upon arrival each W.A. member was given a paper plate and then told to grab materials from a basket containing flowers, feathers, veils, crepe ribbon; in fact just about everything with which to make a hat.

When the hats were made the ladies were taken to the den where racks of old dresses were hung and each had to pick out a dress and wear it. Two make-up artists completed the gilding of the lilies and then the ladies modelled their outfits. The Girls Guild applauded their choice and Mrs. Alan Hewitt was judge of the applause. The race was close between Mrs. Angus Coulter, demure in a wrapper, pigtails, and a hat with a huge candy cane smack in the front. Miss Isobel Currie of Gull Lake, a vixen in red plaid with a hat covered with plaid bows.

Miss Steiner of Gull Lake as the awkward adolescent who grows too fast for her clothes.

Underneath a huge orange bow of a hat Mrs. Will Welch cavorted in a too tight dress.

It took another judging of these four to pick a winner and ultimately first prize went to Miss Isobel Currie and second prize to Mrs. Angus Coulter, each of whom received nose-gays of spring flowers.

The ladies all went to the table in their costumes for a sit-down supper. Mrs. Frank Walters won the lucky serviette prize. Two huge birthday cakes were put before Mrs. Coulter whose birth date it was. All in all a most delightful evening.


Isabel, Ida and Iva – three women who left no descendants, but remembered after all.

Pic of the Past



Our Pic of the Past this week takes us back to the year of 1946 and shows the ladies of St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Minden who met at the home of Hilda McCarey to create their spring hats. From the left: Mrs. A. Hewitt; Mrs. James Graham; Miss Ida Noice (behind Mrs. Graham);?; Miss Currie; Mrs. W. Noice; Mrs. F. Waters; Mrs. V. Brown (wife of former Rev. Browne) standing; Mrs. A. Coulter; Mrs. Steiner; Mrs. Molly Noice; Mrs. Walter Welch; Mrs. Wm. Welch; Mrs. V. Fountain; Mrs. Earl Hewitt; Mrs. H. Easton. This photo was taken by the late Bud Noice and our thanks go out to Mrs. Hilda McCarey of Minden for letting us use it.

A photo from the June 14, 1978 Haliburton County Echo & Minden Recorder shows the St. Paul's Women's Auxiliary at a dress-up party in 1946. / From the archives



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A VIRTUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: MONDAY, November 29, 2021
TIME: 10:30 AM
LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a **virtual meeting**.


To participate:
Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588
Enter Meeting ID 838 1671 0662 and Passcode: 588528
Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83816710662?pwd=akdhM0drZ0JmOUtTR0FmTWtZWm55dz09>
Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining <https://youtu.be/pf3cy75cr-k>

Members of the public wishing to **participate** and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing **must pre-register** by emailing dssisson@mindenhills.ca by **Friday November 26th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 10:00 AM. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.**


Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2021076, PLMV2021081, PLMV2021082 and PLMV2021083** and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:


PLMV2021076 – Part Lot 9, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1721 Davis Lake Road; and located on Davis Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit construction of a new 348 square foot waterfront deck within 15 metres (49.3 feet) of the high water mark and being attached to a permitted replacement non-complying dwelling, whereas Section 4.8.4 of the Zoning By-law does not permit an increase in the size of a structure located within 15 metres (49.3 feet) of the high water mark. The new attached waterfront deck would be setback 12.1 metres (40 feet) from the high water mark and front lot line, whereas Section 5.2 requires a minimum front and water yard setback of 23 metres (75 feet).




PLMV2021081 – Part Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 11143 Hwy 35; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a detached garage being 9 metres (30 feet) from an existing watercourse, whereas Section 4.34 of the Zoning By-law requires a setback of 15 metres (49.3 feet) to a watercourse.



PLMV2021082 – Part Lot 26, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1345 Martin’s Lane; and located on Black Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit construction of a 336 square foot dwelling encroaching an additional 2.1 metres (6.9 feet) into the water yard, resulting in a setback of 14.66 metres (48.1 feet) from the high water mark, and to permit construction of an attached 258 square foot waterfront deck encroaching an additional 4.4 metres (14.3 feet) into the water yard, resulting in a setback of 12.41 metres (40.7 feet) from the high water mark, where the existing setback to the high water mark is 16.75 metres (55 feet).



PLMV2021083 – Part Lot 32, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1099 Elstone Trail; and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a two (2) new additions to an existing dwelling having a total building area increase of 41.8%, whereas otherwise a maximum increase of 25% is permitted; together with the northerly addition and a new porch encroaching an additional 2.51 metres (8.23 feet) into the water yard, resulting in a setback of 17.6 metres (57.7 feet) from the high water mark, whereas otherwise a setback of 23 metres (75 feet) is required. The application is further requesting to expand the existing attached waterfront deck encroaching an additional 0.1 metres (0.3 feet) into the water yard, resulting in a setback of 15.7 metres (51.5 feet) from the high water mark.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications are available online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

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For more information about this matter contact adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Amanda Dougherty
Township Planning Consultant
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0

A photo from the June 14, 1978 Haliburton County Echo & Minden Recorder shows the St. Paul's Women's Auxiliary at a dress-up party in 1946. / From the archives



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE THAT Council for the corporation of the township of minden hills will hold a public meeting pursuant to section 35 of the planning act, on:

DATE: Thursday, December 9, 2021
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a **virtual meeting**.

To Watch:
Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the **Meeting Live Stream Link:** <https://youtu.be/6gHwCi4mwzc>

To participate:
Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Meetings must:
• pre-register by emailing admin@minderhills.ca by **Wednesday December 8th before 4:00 PM**
• or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting **before 8:30 AM**

Participants registering after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting.
Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.
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Passcode: 583752

Please Note:
We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the township website at: <https://www.minderhills.ca/council/>.
Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider zoning by-law amendment applications **PLZBA202075** and **PLZBA2021075; together with an amendent being generally housekeeping in nature** pursuant to Section 35 of the Planning Act. The zoning by-law amendment applications for Public Meeting are listed below:

PLMV2020075 – Part Lot 5, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, being Parts 5 & 6 of Plan 19R-9887, municipally known as 1613 Hunter Creek Road; and being on Gull River (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject property is currently zoned 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' and is located primarily within the Waterfront designation of the Township's Official Plan. The application is requesting that the property be rezoned in order to allow the conversion of the existing motel units (6) into dwelling units for long term occupancy.

PLMV2021075 – Part Lot 21, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, municipally known as 1053 Buds Lane; located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject property is currently zoned 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' and is located within the Waterfront designation of the Township's Official Plan. The application is requesting that the property be rezoned in order to permit the conversion of the existing cottage to a sleeping cabin, having a total ground floor area of 55.8 square metres and being located closer to the front lot line then the principal dwelling; together with recognizing reduced front and side yard setbacks for an existing sauna.

Housekeeping Amendment – Part Lot 3, Concession 13 in the Geographic Township of Snowdown, municipally known as 1336, 1344, 1350, 1360, 1366, 1367, 1361 and 1363 Hamilton Road; and being on South Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning on the properties from 'Recreational Commercial (C3)' to 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' on Schedule 15 to Zoning By-law No. 06-10. The amendment will serve to correct the existing zoning, applied in error. The 'Recreational Commercial (C3)' zone no longer applies to the subject properties.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or at such time as the Township offices re-open and is available online at www.minderhills.ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@minderhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.506).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to a proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@minderhills.ca.

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For more information about this matter contact admin@minderhills.ca.

Trisha McKibbin
Chief Administrative Officer & Clerk
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0

Coboconk news



Santa Claus is coming to town, with a stop in Coboconk during a reverse parade to be held on Dec. 5 between 1 and 3 p.m./Submitted photo

Christmas is coming to Coboconk

Last year we saw more than 500 vehicles come through the town of Coboconk to attend their 2020 Santa Claus Reverse parade. The reverse version of the parade was such a success that Santa Claus has decided to bring it back again for this year!

The Reverse Parade will be held Sunday, Dec. 5, between 1 to 3 p.m. Spectators will travel down Coby Christmas Lane on Albert Street, and see all the wonderful stationary floats that line the road. At the end of the route, Santa's elves will once again have a goodie bag for children to take home.

This will mark the 50th anniversary of the Coboconk Santa Claus Parade and will be the second year of the reverse version of the parade. Our communities' ability to adapt to such a change so quickly goes to show the resistance our community has, and our passion for the holiday spirit.

Anybody who would like to either have a float of their own in the parade or that would like to donate an item for the goodie bags Santa's little elves give out to the children during so, please send an email to chamber@coboconknorland.ca and inform us so we can arrange for such.

We are very excited to celebrate the holidays with you all. In the year prior, the elves gave out over 400 goodie bags for the kids and the parade was filled with amazing floats. This year, we aim to have our community outdo ourselves from the last. You will not want to miss this year's parade, and we'll be excited to see you there.

Submitted by Jaxon Burk

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GENERATIONS

Dreamy doomed

that future seems dreamy and doomed
That comfort is more you
With Lights finally crying Nostalgia
While The gasoline smell spreads

that future seems dreamy and doomed
With full intentions and gratitude
Disgustingly filled minds from months ago are all where I
dont remember

this seems dreamy and doomed
I can drift and miss these minutes
While the ceiling fan is spinning

Or am I just playing with the rays for some action
fa'a sio atu ki he koe 'aki 'a e lanu
greeting you with color

future dreamy doomed
maybe its negativity is one of the fantasies
Maybe its cinematic and kind
multiple realitys align
And I feel the time in my body infinitely

by Taliah Dumas-Stephenson



Artwork by Taliah Dumas-Stephenson

This page brought to you by staff
and students at Haliburton Highlands
Secondary School.



Scaring hunger

HHSS Interact Club's Trunk or Treat food drive held on Halloween evening in Haliburton's Head Lake Park brought in 134 items of food and \$300 in donations for the food bank. From left to right are Victoria Robertson, Annabelle Borgdorff, Cassidy McMullen-Szpik, Lily Manning, Tess Husbands, and Ravyn Rideout. /Submitted photo



HHSS remembers

This past month, the Leadership Class created a display of the Haliburton County Honour Roll in memory of local men who served, creating individual tributes to each young soldier who fell during the First World War and Second World War. /Photos submitted by Brianne Pockett

AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN

Local landmark of the month

St. Stephen's Anglican Church. Located on Buckslide Road between Kushog and Boshkung Lakes, this beautiful stone church was built in 1905 on property donated by Thomas and Ann Godwin, some of the earliest European settlers in the Stanhope area. Despite its resemblance to St. Peter's Church on Maple Lake, the church was not constructed by John Billing, the stonemason that built St. Peter's Church. Billing was scheduled to build St. Stephen's but the committee, in its haste to get the building completed, had someone else put in the footings. John Billings refused to build on someone else's work and walked away from the project. St. Stephen's is no longer in service as a church, but does stand guard over the cemetery in which several of the earliest European settlers in the area are buried. This is part of a Local Landmark series brought to you by the Haliburton Highlands tourism team. Every week we feature a different historic or cultural landmark found in the Haliburton Highlands. Follow Haliburton Highlands on Instagram or Facebook to see the weekly features from throughout the county.



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Haliburton County Council

is seeking members of the public to join a

Community Climate Action Plan Advisory Group

The County of Haliburton is seeking members for an advisory group that will provide support to staff on the development of a Community Climate Action Plan. The Community Climate Action Plan will aim to reduce local contributions to climate change through reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting and enhancing local carbon sinks, while increasing resilience to better adapt to a changing climate.

Preference will be given to candidates that have experience and expertise related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. To learn more and submit an application visit wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca.

If you require assistance with the application process please contact Korey McKay, Climate Change Coordinator at 705-286-1333 ext. 242 or at kmckay@haliburtoncounty.ca.

The application process will close on December 10, 2021.



Puzzling during the pandemic

Caitlin Peacock of Lochlin started working on puzzles in March 2020 during the first provincial lockdown. Caitlin's activities at Community Living were on pause, as well as her Special Olympics training, so she needed something to keep herself busy. Her first puzzle was a 275-piece Cobble Hill puzzle - now 20 months in, she has just finished her 59th puzzle. /Photo submitted by Diane Peacock



Golden dog

Tebo Allore had a golden view of the sunset on Spring Valley Road in Minden on Nov. 15. /Photo submitted by Michelle Allore

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Dorie was born in Toronto, Ontario to Hazel and William Givan on December 18th, 1931.

Dorie will be sadly missed by her sons Michael Miller (Shawn) and Peter Miller (Monique) and grandchildren Drew, Caiti and Jordan Miller; as well as her cousins/lifelong friends Russ, Ken, Barb, Bob and their families. She is preceded in death by her loving husband Thomas J. McAllister (2016).

She attended high school at North Toronto Collegiate and enjoyed a long administrative career. After marrying the love of her life in 1975, Dorie and Tom moved from Toronto to London. Retiring in 1987, from Stevenson and Hunt Insurance, they then moved to Minden, Ontario.

Dorie enjoyed the company of her many friends (some friendships maintained from public school), her dogs, wintering in Jekyll Island, golfing, knitting, and was an avid reader. In her final days, Mom commented that she felt so fortunate to have had such a wonderful family and so many long-lasting friendships.

Memorial donations may be made to the Women's College Hospital Foundation, 76 Grenville St., Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B2. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff of Chelsey Park and the fourth floor nurses and physicians of University Hospital for their kind care over the last month.

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Ratepayers quiz Minden councillors

It was an A-B-C night Friday as members of the Anson, Hindon and Minden municipal council invited ratepayers to an open forum meeting to discuss concerns about the township and its future.

A for apathy was reflected in the number of citizens who attended. There were only 17 who bothered to go

to the meeting, although those who did come out were obviously well armed with questions and inquiries.

B for bouquets, which caught most of the councillors by surprise. It was obvious that those in attendance felt the municipal council was doing a reasonably good job for the town-

ships and they made a point of expressing their feelings.

C for complaints and concerns, which ran the gamut from the Scotch Line land fill site, to the municipal purchase of Main Street property, to computers and more. The following is a brief summary of the items touched on during the meeting:

Scotch Line dump

The council was asked why the new restricted hours are being imposed at the garbage dump. Councillor Dave Stevens responded, saying that the purpose was to reduce the cost of operating the facility. He noted the municipality pays for an attendant at the site and the contract called for reduced

hours in the winter months. "If the dump stays open longer, it would cost extra to keep an attendant on the site". Stevens pointed out that to help alleviate any problems created by the new hours, a trailer was to be parked at the entrance of the facility. If the gates are closed, the garbage can be left in the trailer, which will later be emptied by an attendant.

One person referred to the new hours as "a return to the dark ages".

Several individuals expressed the opinion that the trailer idea would not work. "We didn't say it would work," Stevens responded. "We just said we were willing to give the idea a try". The individual predicted there would be garbage, "all over the place," and that within two weeks to a month the system would be changed again.

The final words on the new dump hours were offered by one citizen in attendance. "They interfere with the soap operas."

Christmas lights

The council was asked to explain the details behind the recent purchase of 5000 Christmas lights for the community. The cost of the lights was \$2300.

Councillor Gary Kenney told the meeting that the lights had been purchased after Ontario Hydro had given approval for them to be installed in trees close to the bridge on South Water

Street. However, after the lights were purchased, the approval was withdrawn because of a number of technical concerns.

He said a meeting of Business Improvement Area representatives had suggested that the illumination of the riverbank trees would be appropriate for the Christmas season.

Kenney said the lights were purchased directly from the manufacturer at a 60% discount. "They won't go bad if they don't get used this year," he commented.

Kenney told the meeting that an effort to find other ways of using the lights is currently underway and they could be used to outline the roof lines of Main Street buildings, for the soon to be installed banner poles in the downtown area, and the trees in front of the CIBC. He said the municipal parks and recreation committee is examining ways to make use of the lights in future years, perhaps in riverside displays similar to those which have become a popular tourist attraction in Simcoe, Ontario.

BIA and money

One questioner stated that he was confused about the relationship between the municipal council and the BIA. In particular he was concerned about the \$20,000 per year earmarked for downtown improvements. "It is just like giving money

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Rows of empty chairs greeted members of the Anson Hindon and Minden municipal council Friday evening as they held an open forum meeting to discuss ratepayers' complaints and concerns. Only seventeen interested citizens attended the meeting. Although the gathering was sparse, the discussion was lively with many topics covered during the evening.

Christmas lights are coming

There will be Christmas lights in downtown Minden this year, but how and where the decorations are to be

Trustee resigns

The Haliburton County Board of Education has accepted the resignation of Dysart trustee Dr. Blair Pierce. The resignation, accepted at the November 22 meeting, is effective in December.

Dr. Pierce will be leaving the area, and therefore tendered his resignation.

A committee of the three other Dysart trustees has been formed to find a replacement for the trustee.

installed has yet to be determined.

Plans to install some 5000 lights in trees along the riverbank were quashed earlier this month when Hydro officials registered a number of objections, including the proximity of a primary power line along South Water Street.

The 5000 lights had been purchased by Councillor Gary Kenney in anticipation of carrying out the illumination project. He told the council November 23 that Hydro had initially approved the project, but was forced to withdraw that approval after several problems concerning the power line and the difficulty in installing and maintaining the decorations arose.

However, between the

time when the approval was initially granted and later withdrawn, the purchase was made.

Kenney suggested that the lights could be used to outline the roof lines of the main street buildings. He noted as well that banner poles are being installed on Main Street at the bank and Hall's Insurance building. While these poles will be used to hold special banners announcing town activities, he suggested the lights, including decorations previously purchased by the municipality, could be installed on these poles.

Other suggestions for the lights included outlining the underside of the bridge so that the lights reflect on the water and decorating in the trees in front of the

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

The council was also told that the parks and recreation committee is looking into designing a light display that could be installed in the park on the north side of the river. However, these plans are being made in anticipation of the 1984 Christmas season. They will require a number of changes to accommodate the displays. Two members of the committee will travel to Simcoe, Ontario in December to examine their success with the Christmas light displays. The small southern Ontario community annually attracts many tourists who come to view the displays which are constructed on a riverbank.

Odells lead Argos to victory

Two Minden area football pundits were proven right once again this weekend. Jack and Blanche Odell of Halls Lake were hoping for the win of their favourites, the Toronto Argonauts in the 1983 edition of the Grey Cup.

Avid football fans, the Odells attended all five Grey Cup games in which the Argonauts were victorious. The couple were in the stands Sunday in Vancouver when Toronto defeated British Columbia 18 - 17. The win made it Grey Cup number six for the Odells. The other Toronto wins stretch back to 1945, 46, 47, 50 and 52.

The couple, who have been married for 51 years, lived in Toronto where Jack was a pressman for the Toronto Star. Following his retirement in 1972, they moved to their Halls Lake home but have never lost their interest in football or the Argonauts.

The Odells were the subject of a feature article on the front page of the Toronto Star, Saturday and were interviewed by CBC television during the Grey Cup weekend telecast.

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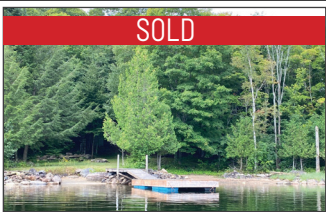
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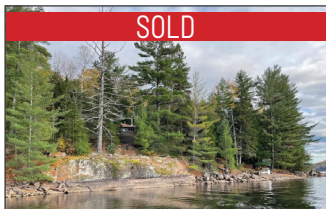
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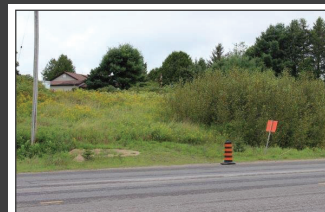
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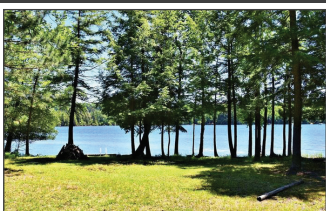
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